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In re Application of:)
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Serial No. 09/718,004) Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: 11/21/2000) Examiner: Colaianni, Michael
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
FORMING GLASS COILED TUBE)
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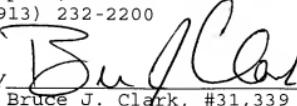
In response to the Examiner's requirement of election/restriction, the applicant elects claims 1-10 drawn to an apparatus for forming glass coiled tubes. Applicant intends to divide the application and pursue the non-elected claims, claiming and reserving the filing date as to the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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